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Governor Brings a Teamster Driver to the Table in Pennsylvania's Motor Carrier Safety Oversight

For Immediate Release

(Camp Hill, PA) The Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters announces the appointment of David Vrona, Business Agent of Teamsters Local Union No. 776, to the Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee by Governor Josh Shapiro.

This appointment represents the successful conclusion of a long, determined effort by the PA Conference and the IBT to secure a seat for the workers who actually operate commercial motor vehicles. Despite the committee's focus on motor carrier safety, the absence of a professional driver's voice has been a longstanding and indefensible gap. The Conference has consistently argued that meaningful safety policy requires input from the people who spend their careers behind the wheel.

A Teamster tractor-trailer driver brings essential, real-world expertise to the committee, including:

- Direct CDL experience
- Firsthand knowledge of safety issues
- Practical understanding of PennDOT processes
- Insight into enforcement, inspections, and roadway conditions
- Representation of tens of thousands of commercial drivers across Pennsylvania

The Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee includes messengers, carriers, enforcement partners, and administrative stakeholders. Adding a professional driver, the person who literally drives the truck, strengthens the committee's ability to address safety comprehensively and responsibly.

President William Hamilton praised the appointment, stating:

"For years, the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters has fought to ensure that the Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee includes the voice of the people who actually drive the trucks. Governor Shapiro's appointment of David Vrona is a long overdue recognition that real safety expertise comes from behind the wheel. David brings the experience, judgment, and credibility that only a professional driver can provide, and his presence will strengthen this committee and the safety of Pennsylvania's roadways."

The Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters applauds this decision and looks forward to the informed, practical perspective David Vrona will bring on behalf of commercial drivers throughout the Commonwealth.

Mission accomplished.

